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第4話 姫神と神霊
The Goddess and the Spirit

SFX: POUR
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This presence... I've felt it before...
... YUKA-RIKO-SAN?
SFX: FORCEFULLY
STAND DOWN, MIYUKI!
YOU CAN'T STAND IN HER PRE-SENCE DRESSED LIKE THAT
STEP BACK!
I BEG FOR YOUR FOR-GIVE-NESS.
I WILL ALLOW IT.
I'VE COME UN-ANNOUNCED, AFTER ALL.
I WAS CAUGHT UNPREPARED TO WELCOME YOU, PRINCESS, AND LET MYSELF BE SEEN IN SUCH A DEPLORABLE STATE.
SO THIS WAS YOUR DOING?
OH, YOU WERE HERE, YUKI-MASA?

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE USED IZUMIKO AS A VESSEL.
THIS BODY IS STILL TOO YOUNG FOR ME TO FEEL COMFORTABLE.
HOWEVER,
I SENSED SOMETHING, SO I'VE COME TO SEE.
WILL THE PRINCESS
USE IZUMIKO AS A VESSEL FROM NOW ON?
I AM NOT YET WITHIN YOUR GRASP.
HOWEVER, TAKE GOOD CARE OF IZUMIKO.
THIS GIRL---

DO YOU MEAN THIS IS THE END OF THE IZUMIKO LINE?
IS TO BE MY LAST VESSEL, AFTER ALL.
YUKI-MASA, YOU HAVE DONE WELL TO FIND THIS VESSEL FOR ME. CONSIDER THIS YOUR REWARD.
IT WILL BE ANOTHER 50 YEARS BEFORE YOU MOUNTAIN PRIESTS KNOW IF YOUR EFFORTS HAVE BORNE FRUIT OR NOT.
YOU ARE FACING COMPETITION FROM ABROAD.
IZUMIKO IS MY LAST VESSEL, AND I---
CAN GO NO FURTHER ---

!!
PRIN-
CESS!

H-
WHY AM I...
HYA!
SA-GARA-SAN...?
SFX: FLUSTERED
SFX: SURPRISED
SFX: GRAB
CALM DOWN.
?!
...WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU DON'T NEED TO REMEM-BER NOW.
GIVE IT A DAY OR TWO.

...
REMEM-
BER BIT
BY BIT.
SFX: HURRY
IZU-
MIKO!
SFX: SLAM
SFX: RUNNING, SLIP, BAM
I'M
CHANGING,
SO...
I'M
FINE!
ARE
YOU
HURT?

DON'T COME IN.

I WAS AWARE THAT IZUMIKO WAS A FAIRLY IMPORTANT GIRL, BUT THIS...
MIYUKI, YOU MAY NOT KNOW THIS, BUT A PERSONAL AUDIENCE WITH THE GODDESS IS A PRIVILEGE GRANTED ONLY TO A SELECT FEW.

SO,
SUZUHARA IS FROM A LINE OF PSYCHICS SUSCEPTIBLE TO POSSESSION.
SHE CAN PROBABLY ALSO FORESEE THE FUTURE.
NOW I SEE WHY THEY CALL HER A GODDESS.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
GOES BEYOND MY WILDEST IMAGINATIONS.
THE GODDESS SAID IT HERSELF.

AS YOU SAID BEFORE, PROTECTING IZUMIKO IS TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN FOR YOU.
IF YOU GET IT, THEN ...!!
I WON'T FORCE YOU TO BE IZUMIKO'S CLASSMATE ANYMORE.
FEEL FREE TO TRANSFER WHEREVER YOU'D LIKE.
MIGHT VERY WELL BE IZUMIKO FROM THE FUTURE.
THE GODDESS
NO WAY!
SHE WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON!
HER DEMEANOR AND EVERYTHING WERE WAY TOO DIFFERENT
INDEED.

SFX RATTLE
BE HAPPIER. ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU WANTED?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!?
THE HELL I?
I SHOULD HAVE HANDLED IT MYSELF FROM THE BEGINNING INSTEAD OF RELYING ON YOU.
HUH?

REJOICE.
TO US MOUNTAIN PRIESTS, GETTING HOLD OF THE GODDESS HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR GREATEST AMBITION.
TURNS OUT YOU'RE QUITE THE RIVAL.
SFX POUR

SFX CHIRP 2X
チュン!
チチッ
SFX CHIRP
チュン!
open
SFX BRIGHT
SFX BANG 2X
Tasty.

SFX PULL
SFX SQUEEZE
IS IT OKAY TO BE UP?
YEAH... I SEEM TO BE BETTER AFTER A NIGHT'S SLEEP AT HOME.
WELL, I THOUGHT AS MUCH...
GOTTA GET BACK MY INSTINCTS.
Plus Nonomiya-san finally started teaching me martial arts.
AH, UHM,
Miyuki-kun is strict with others, but he's also strict with himself...
YOU STARTED PRACTICING AGAIN?
YEAH, TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME
Well, this diverted attention from the fact that she slipped out during the field trip, so it worked out.
MIKO
She was sent to the hospital with a 39°C* fever after that.
*NOTE. 102.2 °F

UHM, WANNA GO TO THE MOUNTAIN TOP?
THE SEA MIGHT BE VISIBLE THIS MORNING.
I'M GLAD THERE WAS A GOOD DAY TO SEE THE SEA WHILE YOU WERE STILL HERE, MIYUK .
STILL HERE?
THIS IS A GOOD PLACE.
I HEARD THAT SA-GARA-SAN CHANGED HIS MIND ...
YOU'RE GOING BACK TO YOUR OLD SCHOOL, AREN'T YOU?
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU.

EH!?
I PROB-ABLY CAN'T GO BACK NOW.

SFX S.T

AS LONG AS YUKIMASA NOTICED ME.
...ANY-THING WAS FINE.
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO TO TOKYO UNIVER-SITY?
B... BUT MIYUKI-KUN ---
IT WAS A PRIVATE SCHOOL AND I DON'T HAVE MANY LINGERING AT-TACHMENTS
SFX SWOOSH
MY MOTHER WAS ALSO ONE OF HIS MANY PUP-PETS.
NO MATTER WHAT, IT FEELS LIKE HE'S CON-TROLLING ME.
I JUST CAN'T SIT STILL WHEN HE'S CON-CERNED.
SUZUHARA, DO YOU REMEM-BER?
ABOUT THE GOD-DESS
BUT THIS TIME, I FEEL LIKE I'VE CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF WHAT HE'S THINKING

THAT'S PROBABLY QUITE GOOD, ACTUALLY
POSSESSED?
MANY PEOPLE NEVER REMEMBER ANYTHING FROM WHEN THEY'RE POSSESSED
IT FELT LIKE I WAS STANDING ON THE SIDE AND LISTENING TO SOMEONE ELSE SPEAKING
BUT I JUST CAN'T THINK OF HER ACTIONS AS MY OWN.
YES.
SPIRITS, GHOSTS..
IT'S WHEN ANOTHER SOUL TAKES CONTROL OF YOUR BODY.
SO SAGARA-SAN TREASURED NOT ME, BUT THAT GODDESS.
WELL, YOU CAN THINK OF HER AS A DIFFERENT PERSON.
YUKIMASA
HAS BEEN SEEKING THAT GODDESS.
SFX RUSTLE 2X

I met her.
It's something Sawa-san told me.
I got lost around here when I was a kid, and just as they were about to start a missing child search...
SHE REMINDED ME OF MY MOTHER.
It's possible...
I thought
She was Yukariko-san...
Yukimasa isn't the only one who's met her.
IN... IN THAT CASE,
SFX BLUSH
EVEN IF YOU THINK THAT I'M NO GOOD OR UNSUITABLE,
THAT'S FINE!
WHAT?
I'M NOT THE GODDESS.

SFX BLUSHING
Why?!
...THAT WASN'T A JOKE.
はははは
SFX HAHAHAHA
SFX PFFHA
ふぁはは
SFX HAHA
I'LL BE TRANSFERRING TO TOKYO SOON.
I WON'T APOLOGIZE, BUT NO NEED TO WORRY
NO, YOU'RE RIGHT.
HOUJOU ACADEMY.
IT'S PROBABLY
TOKYO?
YES, WHERE YUKIMASA WANTED ME TO GO.

I WANT TO BE A MOUNTAIN PRIEST
TO BEAT HIM, I'VE NO CHOICE BUT TO STAND IN THE SAME RING ---
SO I'M DONE RUNNING AWAY
GOTTA LEARN QUICK.
The same school that dad wanted me to attend.
Houjou Academy.
CONNECTED TO THE MOUNTAIN PRIESTS SOMEHOW.

Why did I want to stay in Sototsu-gawa again?
even opposed Dad over this.
!!
EH?
AH ...
UMM ...
Ah, when you say it like that...
REALLY, WE AREN'T! WE CALLED YOU BE-CAUSE ...
WE AREN'T AT ALL CURIOUS TO KNOW WHERE YOU WENT WITH MIYUKI-KUN THE OTHER DAY, OKAY?
YOU KNOW!
お
IZU-MIKO~
ふっ
TEXT HEY!
WAMI-YA-KUN?
HE DOESN'T STAND OUT SO WE JUST FORGOT ABOUT HIM, BUT
THAT'S NO GOOD, IS IT?
SOU-VENIR.
TO WAMI-YA?
COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE IT
HERE.

I see. It's because Wamiya-kun couldn't go.
AH, IN THAT CASE ...
AND ALSO, MISS REPRESENTATIVE, YOU WERE THE MOST WORRIED ABOUT HIM, ANYWAY!
SFX WAVE ZX
RELAX! NONE, ABSOLUTELY NONE OF US WILL TRY TO STEAL HIM FROM YOU!
I WASN'T PLANNING TO.. !!
NO NEED TO BE SHY JUST GO GIVE IT TO HIM.
IT'S TRUE THAT YOU WANTED HIM TO COME ALONG, ISN'T IT?
SFX DING DONG ZX
YES...
They all took the time to think about Wamiya-kun, yet I could only think about myself
WAMI-YA-KUN.

WAMI-YA-KUN!
SFX RUNNING
IT'S OKAY IF I TAKE IT?
FOR ME?
HERE! IT'S FROM THE GIRLS.
WE WANTED YOU TO HAVE IT.

TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T COME ON THE FIELD TRIP
YES WELL. I DID WANT TO GO, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, SUZUHARA-SAN?
THERE WERE SOME BAD PARTS, BUT
THERE WERE ALSO PARTS THAT MADE IT WORTH GOING.
ARE YOU GLAD YOU WENT?
I CAN'T PUT IT VERY WEL...
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE GONE.

EH?
YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HERE, RIGHT?
YOU'VE CHANGED SINCE THE TRIP.
I HAVE?
YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE WENT TO SUCH A FILTHY PLACE.
YOU AREN'T THINKING OF GOING TO TOKYO, ARE YOU?

...
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THIS?
I DID, BUT...
YOU SAID YOU HATED SAGARA-KUN. DIDN'T YOU?
SUZU-HARA-SAN,
YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.

WA...
WA-MIYA-KUN!?
THEN HE NEEDS TO BE ELIMI-NATED.
IF HE'S THE ONE WHO CHANGED YOU,

THE SCHOOL TRIP MADE IT CLEAR
YOU'RE VERY FULL OF YOURSELF
I'M DONE DEALING WITH THIS KIND OF SHIT.
BUT FINE, LET'S HEAR IT.
I TRIED TO KEEP THINGS IN CHECK.
BUT IS THIS ABOUT THE THREE GIRLS THAT CONFESSED TO ME DURING THE SCHOOL TRIP?
GUYS LIKE YOU NEED TO BE PUT IN THEIR PLACE.
EVEN WAMIYA SAID SO

SFX PUNCH
SHUT UP!
WA-MIYA?
WHO?
ALL RIGHT, JUST SO WE'RE CLEAR, YOU STARTED IT.
...!
SFX FLOAT
SFX SPIT

SFX KICK, BAM
SFX THUD
WHERE IS HE!?
THIS ONLY STARTED AFTER WE CAME BACK FROM THE TRIP!!
SFX KICK
?!
WHO'S PULLING YOUR STRINGS!? WAMIYA !?
SFX STRANGLING

Segawa Kazuto.
He should be a good-natured kind of guy.
SFX KICK-BAM CLICK
OH... WHO IS IT!?
SFX COUGH 2X
DISAP-PEAR
YOU... THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU!!

PISS ME OFF!
GUYS LIKE YOU
SFX SMACK

SFX TAP
That should take care of most of the impurities
Sixth Sense Cleansing And Mind Cleansing
Earth Cleansing In and Out Cleansing
Heaven Cleansing
SFX LOSING BALANCE
THESE CHILDREN WERE NOT ACTING OF THEIR OWN VOLITION.
SFX THUD
LET'S GO. IZUMIKO-SAN IS WORRIED
NONOMURA-SAN...!

MI-YUKI-KUN !!
SFX OPEN
SFX CLICK
SFX CLOSE
LET'S GO.
NO-THING SERI-OUS.
DID YOU GET IN A FIGHT?
SFX VROOM
WHO THE HELL IS WAMIYA ?
WAS IT WA-MIYA-KUN?

AT ROLL CALL, THEY CALL MY NAME LAST.
I DON'T KNOW HIM.
WAMIYA-KUN, FROM OUR CLASS.

WAMIYA SHOULD COME AFTER ME.
I'M LAST ---
RIGHT AFTER WATANABE AYUMI.

DON'T BE SILLY, MIYUKI-KUN.

NOR A HOTEL ROOM BOOKED FOR HIS NAME
PLUS THERE WAS NO SEAT FOR HIM ON THE PLANE

A STUDENT BY THAT NAME DOESN'T EXIST.

IZUMIKO-SAN, WHY DID YOU THINK SOMETHING BAD WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO MIYUKI-KUN?
UHM.
WAMIYA-KUN WAS DIFFERENT FROM USUAL
BEFORE, I TOLD HIM THAT I HATED YOU.
... WHY?
HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ELIMINATING
UHM.
ELIMINATING MIYUKI-KUN.

SFX BUMP SX
SORRY, I NEED TO SPEED UP.
WELL, YOU WERE BEING MEAN TO ME!
WHAT THE HELL?
Fed up
SFX NOTICE

THAT
IS CERTAINLY NO HUMAN.
!! Wa-miya-kun !!
WHAT IS IT, SUZUHARA?
YOU DON'T SEE HIM?
I CAN FEEL THE GATHERING OF A STRONG SPIRITUAL PRESENCE
NONOMIYA-SAN!
IT MIGHT BE A SPIRIT.

WHY DID HE MANIFEST?
IS IT REVENGE FOR BULLYING YOU?
NO THAT'S NOT IT
Wamiya-kun was so happy about the souvenir...
THAT MIGHT HAVE GIVEN HIM POWER.
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU COULD SEE HIM, IZUMIKO-SAN.
HE ISN'T JUST A CLASSMATE
HE CAN MANIPULATE OTHER STUDENTS
HE EVEN MANAGED TO MAKE EVERYONE THINK HE'D ALWAYS BEEN PART OF THE CLASS
WHAT IS HE, THEN?

WELL SORRY THAT I'M A NATURAL AT PISSING PEOPLE OFF.
BUT HE SEEMS TO BE EXTREMELY INCENSED WHEN IT'S ABOUT MIYUKI-KUN.
IF HE'S A SPIRIT,
"SOME-THING" THAT IS TOUCHED BY ANGER
THEN HE MIGHT BE A "CURSE"
AND CAN'T BE MEASURED ON A HUMAN SCALE.
"YOU HAD A CHANGE OF HEART."
MI-YUKI-KUN ...
EXPLAIN.
HE'S ANGRY AT YOU BECAUSE OF ME.
AT ME.
WAMIYA-KUN ISN'T ONLY ANGRY AT YOU. HE'S ALSO ANGRY

IT'S BECAUSE I WENT TO TOKYO.
SFX: SWOOOSHING
SFX: RATTLE 5X
LET'S ESCAPE TO THE SHRINE.
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FACE HIM
WITHIN THE PROTECTION OF THE SACRED GROUNDS.

SFX: BAM
SFX: SHAKE
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